GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION BILL
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) : Whether the provision to increase fixed capital investment incorporated in Khadi and Village Industries Commission Bill, will have any impact on the number of beneficiaries;

(b) : If so, the details thereof;

(c) : Whether increase in number of members and Zonal Committees will enhance the expenditure; and

(d) : If so, the manner in which it is proposed to be met?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The number of beneficiaries is unlikely to be affected adversely on account of increase in the monetary limit of fixed capital investment per head of an artisan or a worker in village industries. This increase is justified because the existing limit of investment (Rs. 50,000/-) was fixed by notification under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956, as long ago as in October 1994.

(c)&(d): The increase in expenditure will not be significant and will be met out of the Government grants to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission.